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Dear Federal Officers and Staff Members Carrying out or Reviewing upcoming Biological Opinions for the California Water Fix Water Tunnels Project:

Our attached joint letter of today, March 14, 2016, is submitted on behalf of Friends of the River, the Center for Biological Diversity, and the Environmental Water Caucus. Our letter has been transmitted to the addressees on the cover page and requests scientific integrity and insulation from interference and censorship in preparation of the upcoming Biological Opinions to be prepared by National Marine Fisheries Service scientists and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service scientists for the California Water Fix project including the Delta Water Tunnels. We are concerned about scientific integrity because the Bureau of Reclamation has been issuing Draft environmental documents for public review for the project which falsely deny instead of honestly disclose the numerous significant adverse environmental impacts that taking water away for the Tunnels would have on endangered species of fish and their designated critical habitats in the San Francisco-Bay Delta.

We would appreciate your transmission of our attached letter to everyone involved in any way with approving or reviewing the upcoming Biological Opinions for the Water Fix Project. We would do our best to answer any questions that you or other Federal officials may have.

Sincerely,

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